



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yoshihiro TAKASHIMIZU et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2152**

Application Number: **09/891,387**

Examiner: **Dohm Chankong**

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For: **A RELAY APPARATUS CONNECTED TO A HOST COMPUTER  
THROUGH A NETWORK (As Amended)**

Attorney Docket Number: **010803**  
Customer Number: **38834**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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July 17, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.